

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

AUSTIN SHOCKLEY, on behalf of himself, those:	:	
similarly situated, and the proposed Rule 23 Class,:		CIVIL ACTION
Plaintiff, :		
v. :		Case No. 2:17-CV-04519-MSG
GOBRANDS, INC. d/b/a GOPUFF, INC.,	:	
Defendant. :		

**JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE AUSTIN SHOCKLEY SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT AND FULL AND FINAL RELEASE AND ISSUANCE OF DISMISSAL
ORDER**

Claimant Austin Shockley (“Shockley”) and Defendant GoBrands, Inc. d/b/a GoPuff (“Defendant”), by and through their respective counsel, jointly move this Court to approve the Settlement Agreement and Full and Final Release (“Settlement Agreement”) reached between them and to dismiss Mr. Shockley’s claims against Defendant with prejudice. In support, the parties state:

1. On or about October 11, 2017, Austin Shockley filed a lawsuit on behalf of himself and those similarly situated and a proposed Rule 23 class captioned *Austin Shockley, et al. v. GoBrands, Inc. d/b/a GoPuff, Inc.* in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Case No. 2:17-cv-04519-MSG (“the Shockley matter”), alleging, among other things, violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act for failure to pay the minimum wage and unpaid overtime.

2. On or about July 17, 2018, the parties entered into a joint stipulation to stay the Shockley matter pending individual arbitration of Shockley’s (and other opt-in plaintiff’s) claims.

3. On or about November 15, 2018, Shockley filed a demand for arbitration with JAMS against GoBrands, JAMS Reference No. 1390000622, alleging violations of the FLSA, the Colorado Minimum Wage Act, and the Colorado Wage Act for alleged failure to pay the minimum wage, alleged unpaid overtime, and retaliation.

4. Defendant denies the allegations in this lawsuit and Shockley's demand for arbitration; denies that Shockley is an "employee," as defined by the Fair Labor Standards Act; denies that it is liable to Shockley for alleged violations of the FLSA and/or Colorado law; and denies that it owes Shockley any damages.

5. There exists between the parties a *bona fide* dispute under the FLSA. The parties recognize the outcome in the lawsuit is uncertain and achieving a final result through litigation requires additional risk, discovery, time, and expense.

6. In order to determine how best to serve the interests of Shockley, Shockley and his counsel have investigated and evaluated the facts and law relating to the claims asserted in the lawsuit.

7. Although Defendant does not admit or concede any liability or damages, Defendant and Shockley have agreed to settle the claims between them to avoid the burden, expense, and uncertainty of continuing this litigation.

8. After balancing the benefits of settlement with the costs, risks, and delay of continued litigation, Shockley and his counsel believe that the settlement reached between the parties is in the best interests of Shockley and represents a fair, reasonable, and adequate resolution of his claims.

9. The settlement agreement has been executed by all parties and/or their representatives.

10. The parties' agreement settles all federal wage claims and matters pleaded in Shockley's demand for arbitration and the *Shockley* matter fully and forever.

11. The parties are submitting a copy of their settlement agreement for the Court's *in camera* review. Defendant respectfully requests that the Court consider the settlement agreement on an *in camera* basis. Shockley does not object to this request.

12. The parties respectfully request that this Court approve their settlement agreement and enter a final order dismissing Shockley's claims with prejudice.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully move the Court to approve their Settlement Agreement and Full and Final Release as a fair and reasonable resolution of *bona fide* disputes under the FLSA and to enter a final order dismissing all claims made by Austin Shockley against Defendant with prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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